

NEW-YORK DAILY TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1865.

CITY NEWS.

JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE CITY.—Mr. Thomas C. Fields having obtained seventy-eight warrants in satisfaction of judgments against the City, the same were sent to his Honor the Mayor to be considered, but his Honor refused to do so. From what we could gather at the Mayor's office yesterday, it appeared that during the year 1863, seventy-eight distinct and separate judgments had been obtained against the City for labor on the streets of New-York, and that all claims for money, excepting six, have been made payable to Mr. Fields either by assignment or otherwise.

The amount of the value of the warrants is not probably less than \$10,000. During the necessary investigation the Supreme Court costs to the amount of \$800 in such cases were allowed, adding to the judgments previously obtained \$7,000, which the City is bound to pay. The Mayor decided that a test suit in one case should be carried with it all the other cases, has withheld his signature to the warrants. The defence on the part of the City is that the appropriations for this work having long since been exhausted, that therefore the bills are illegal. The matter will be finally adjudicated upon in a few days.

CITY HALL AFFAIRS—EX-ALDERMAN COULTER AND JAMES MASTERTON AT LOGGERHEADS.—**TATAN REBUKING SIN.**—Shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday noon, ex-Alderman William E. Coulter and James Masterton, brother of Alderman Masterton, met in the vestibule of the City Hall, and a conversation, beginning in a quiet way, was immediately followed by mutual charges of rascality and roguery. Masterton asserting that Coulter was a man who never paid his debts, and was a miserable low-lived rascal. Coulter said he did not get his money as Masterton asserted, but that he did. Masterton had affected honesty he would have never got that sum which he received while Coulter was building an engine-house, over which Masterton was an Inspector at a salary of \$2 per day; that Masterton was not there half of his time while the work was in progress, and that he refused to write to Coulter's bill for 15 days' work, during which Masterton continued to charge \$2 per day as Inspector, and that although the work was finished, yet Masterton delayed, in order to run up a big bill for his services. Masterton retorted to these charges by calling Coulter a liar, swindler, &c. &c. This then became the signal for a fight. Coulter was taken off, and was roughly treated. A lively time generally was expected, but the combatants made a hasty display of the "manly art" was cut short by the interference of the respective friends of the belliegants. What the stale of this matter will be time will develop.

OPERATIONS OF A YOUTHFUL BURGLAR.—JOSEPH ROBERTSON AND AN UNKNOWN MAN ENTERED THE HOME OF MR. JOHN H. KETCHAM, NO. 239 WASHINGTON-PLACE, WITH THE EXPRESSIVE PURPOSE OF WISHING TO PURCHASE THE BURGLAR. The stranger engaged Mr. Ketcham's attention in looking at the butter, and Robertson entered the office where the safe was kept, under the pretense of getting a drink of ice water. While there it is alleged that the young thief stole \$430 from the safe, the door of which was unlocked. The confederates made their escape. Soon after Mr. Ketcham became aware that he had been duped by a brace of sharpers. He gave a description of the thief to Captain Ketcham of the "Twenty-third" Police, who deputed Officer John A. Willett, No. 310 Greenwich-st., on the 31st ult., to Robertson and his confederate under similar circumstances. On that occasion the thieves pretended that they wanted to purchase flour, and while Mr. Willett was in the cellar with the confederate, Robertson rifled the money drawers. He was arraigned before Justice Hogan and committed for trial on the above complaints. The accused says that he is a bar-tender, and lives at No. 190 Varick-st.

FATAL RESULT OF AN AFFRAY.—CORONER GOULD HELD AN INQUEST AT THE FOURTH WARD STATION-HOUSE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, ON THE BODY OF BERNARD GRAY, WHO DIED FROM THE COMBINED EFFECTS OF DELIRIUM TREMENS AND RHEUMATIC FEVER RECEIVED ON SUNDAY MORNING LAST AT THE HANDS OF JOHN GRAVES. The deceased was a bar-tender in the porter house of Edward J. Kelly, corner of New-Bowery and Madison-st. On Sunday morning he opened the shop; Graves and several other men entered and called for drinks, which were served them. It is alleged that Graves threw a tumbler at Gray cutting him severely in the neck. The latter was taken to the city Hospital, where he died subsequently from severe fits of delirium tremens. He continued to grow worse and died on Tuesday morning. The jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death by delirium tremens superinduced by a blow from a tumbler in the hands of John Graves, on the 6th day of August, 1865. Deceased was a native of Ireland and 22 years of age. Graves made his escape and is still at large.

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FATAL ACCIDENT.—MR. DANIEL MILLER, 69 years of age, of Oswego County, this State, was run over on Tuesday afternoon at the foot of Gansevoort-st. by a runaway horse and fatally injured. It was taken to the hospital of his son, No. 306 West Sixteenth-st., where he died yesterday morning. Mr. Miller had come to this city to sell a cargo of lumber, and was making arrangements for its discharge when the accident occurred. The deceased was a widower, and leaves a large family of children.

EMBEZZLEMENT.—OFFICER STILLWELL OF THE SECOND PRECINCT ARRESTED THOMAS COLEMAN.—Employed as porter by Mrs. Coleman, No. 112 Washington-st., on a charge of having embezzled \$62.75 belonging to his employer, which he had collected from pledged articles. The deceased, a widow, committed him for trial in default of bail.

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A SEAMAN CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.—OFFICER REYNOLDS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH PRECINCT ARRESTED ANDREW SCOLEN, A SEAMAN, ON A CHARGE OF STEALING \$3 FROM JOSEPH HARTY. The latter alleges that Sullen seized him by the collar struck him in the face with his fist, and then stole the money by force. Justice Hogan committed the accused for trial without bail.

THE DISASTER ON THE STEAMBOAT ARROW.—The inquest on the body of Miss Mary E. Ericson, one of the victims of the explosion on the steamboat Arrow Saturday last, has been postponed by Coroner Gover until Tuesday next, owing to the absence of important witnesses.

ARREST ON SUSPICION.—OFFICER CRITTENDEN OF THE FOURTH PRECINCT ARRESTED GEORGE MCKNIGHT ON SUSPICION OF HAVING STOLEN A QUANTITY OF CLOTHING WHICH WAS HIS POSSESSION. The defence on the part of the City is that the appropriations for this work having long since been exhausted, that therefore the bills are illegal. The matter will be finally adjudicated upon in a few days.

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The Poughkeepsie Press is informed that a man who won \$2,000 from the backer of the Poughkeepsie boat paid it back, saying he considered it a robbery to keep it under the circumstances. The same paper understands that a sporting man has sued George Wilkes, the stakeholder in the recent race at that city, for the recovery of the \$3,000 prize money.

John Brennan was killed by a widow some years his senior, and tried to console himself in his affliction by taking poison. This plan failed, however, and he took steps for finishing up his mortal career last Friday by shooting himself with a pistol from which wound death ensued on the following Friday—all at Syracuse, N. Y.

A man, name unknown, was drowned at South Branch, while bathing last Tuesday; a colored lad met the same fate while pursuing a similar course at Griggstown, N. Y., a day or two before, and the following Friday a son of Mr. John House, 5 years old, lost his life while playing in a brook near Nesbetic, N. J.

One White residing in a wild part of Kansas killed his son one day last week, by beating him over the head with a club. The cause of the act was a disagreement between the deceased and a brother relative as to the use of a pony. The father took sides with the other son.

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